(C) Force structure of the active and reserve components of the armed forces.

(2) The study group shall include—

(A) senior-level active-duty officers from each branch of the armed forces;

(B) senior-level reserve-component officers from each of the seven reserve components;

(C) civilian officials of the Department of Defense; and

(D) such participants from outside the Department of Defense as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall provide such joint staff support to the study group as necessary. He shall participate in the activities of the study group in accordance with the provisions of section 153 of title 10, United States Code, including the responsibility to assess the conformance of manpower programs and policies with strategic plans and to advise the study group about the extent to which program recommendations and budget proposals conform with the priorities established in strategic plans and for the combatant commands.

(3) The Secretary shall ensure that the study group, in carrying out its duties and responsibilities, has access to federally funded research centers (FFRGs) and other necessary support.

(4) The Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the functions of the study group insofar as they relate to the Selected Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserve.

Classified information

(6) Meetings of the study group may be closed to the public in connection with the consideration of classified material.

(c) MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED.—(1) In carrying out the study required by subsection (a), the study group shall evaluate and make recommendations to the Secretary concerning each of the following matters (with each such matter to be evaluated separately insofar as it relates to each policy or practice set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (J) of subsection (b)(2)):

(5) With respect to the Total Force Policy of the Department of Defense, the basic tenets of that policy, how well that policy has been implemented, and what changes (if any) are desirable to improve upon that policy and its implementation.

(6) The effectiveness of the existing chain of management and

command responsibility in evaluating and integrating force requirements among the armed forces, and between the active components and the reserve components.

(7) The extent to which officials responsible for such evaluation and integration of force requirements currently (and should in the future) participate in the budget and resource allocation processes of the Department of Defense.

(8) The adequacy of the methodology used by the Department of Defense in the assignment of missions between the active and reserve components and, within each active and reserve component, the assignment of missions among various major types of units, including—

(9) the extent to which that methodology includes the use of cost-benefit analyses; and

(10) the methodology for the manner by which force reductions are distributed within individual units and between active and reserve components.